

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following explanations and remarks.

The total number of independent claims present and the total number of claims is covered by the original filing fee and no additional fee is required.

The amendment to the specification, and to the pages containing claims 18-20 and 28, corrects the errors objected to by the Examiner. No new matter is presented in the amendment.

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected as anticipated by Hinger et al. The amendment of claims 1 and 2 adds the feature of valve means for adjusting the size of said opening to vary the amount of acoustic venting. This feature is not found in Hinger et al or in other prior art which could be combined with that reference.

Claims 3 - 19 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any independent claims.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent as required and should be allowable.

Claim 4 is now dependent on claim 3 and has the limitations in claim 4 as originally presented.

Claim 5 is now dependent on claim 4 and has the limitations in claim 5 as originally presented.

Claim 6 is now dependent on claim 3 and has the limitations in claim 5 and 6 as originally presented.

Claim 7 is now dependent on claim 3 and has the limitations in claim 5 and 6 as originally presented.

Claim 8 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 7 as originally presented.

Claim 9 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 10 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 11 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 12 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 13 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 14 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 15 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 16 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 17 has not been amended but is dependent on claim 8 as originally presented.

Claim 18 is now dependent on claim 3 and includes the corrections required by the examiner.

Claim 19 is now dependent on claim 3 and includes the corrections required by the examiner.

Claim 20 remains independent and includes the corrections required by the examiner.

Claim 26 remains dependent on claim 26 and includes the corrections required by the examiner.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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